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## Legion W.A. Hold Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, B.E.S.L., was held in the Legion Hall last Thursday evening with about 25 members present. The meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. L. Jones.

Plans were completed for the Pot Luck Supper to be held October 28th. Mrs. Frank Michael and Mrs. Bob Oliver were chosen as voting delegates to the Zone meeting to be held the same night. A donation was sent to the Unitarian Service Committee. It was decided to go ahead with the work on the cupboards and sink installation.

Mrs. M. McLean was placed in charge of the Blind Campaign.

It was decided to hold the election of officers in January.

A contest was much enjoyed as was the lunch served by the committee.

## Memo on Memory

It is said that failure to remember a person's name rises from an unconscious dislike of that person. However loud the protests against this theory may be since it was suggested, research is unearthing evidence that this is certainly one of a number of reasons why the phrase "I forget" is so common. Any supervisor is acutely aware of the time lost and mistakes made because people forget. And in this regard the spoken word appears to be more readily forgotten than any other medium.

How often is a job delayed because someone along the line instructions were forgotten and direction had to be given again? Here are a few of the common failings that characterize many conversations, leaving the participants retaining only a few of the thoughts that were discussed.

By immediately agreeing with a person, you may disregard much of what he says in your search for ideas to develop his thoughts.

By immediately disagreeing, you will miss almost all of what he has to say in your efforts to find a rebuttal.

By immediately assuming you know all about what the other party is discussing, you submit to boredom and your mind wanders.

By putting too great emphasis on creating an impression on the other person you will not listen attentively to him. You will either be concerned with your appearance, or searching assiduously for a thought or phrase of your own to impress him.

By prejudice. This could possibly be the worst and most widespread offender. How often does our first impression of a person influence our decision that this party knows (or doesn't know) what he is talking about. If we decide the latter, chances are our efforts, during the time he is speaking, will be directed to finding flaws in his speech, appearance, peculiarities, etc.

By difference in meaning. Misinterpretation of a word or phrase may lead us into deciding the speaker is in error and we subsequently reject most of what he says.

By just plain old, inattentiveness. Many times, of course, this is the fault of the speaker who induces boredom, disbelief, ambiguity or just too much wind.

A few pointers to overcome these handicaps:

Never make snap decisions. Always allow the other person to completely develop his line of thought.

Never base your appraisal of a speaker's remarks on his personality, looks, character. Always get inside these distractions to evaluate his thoughts.

Never presume that because a speaker makes one error everything else he has to say is necessarily out of line. Always remember every statement has some truth in it.

Never adopt an attitude of

titude. Always try to put yourself in the speaker's place; see the game from his seat in the grandstand.

Never interrupt a speaker. Always permit him to complete his statements, then correct him, if necessary. He is liable to brand you a bigot. And he could be right.

## Mrs. E. W. Taylor

Word was received in town Tuesday afternoon that Mrs. E. W. Taylor died at Duncan, B. C., Monday evening. For sometime it was known in town that Mrs. Taylor was in hospital and very ill, suffering from a stroke.

Mrs. Taylor had been a resident of Gleichen for some thirty years prior to moving to Vancouver Island several years ago. She was a member of the United Church and Order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, Edgar, Duncan, B. C.; Bob, Calgary; William, Trail, B. C.; and two daughters Mrs. Duncan Seattle; Mrs. Lyons, Turner Valley.

The funeral will take place at Duncan Thursday at 2 p.m.

Almost all the 700 harvest workers who came to Alberta this year were recruited in Ontario and western Quebec. It is pointed out that favorable weather during the early stages of harvest greatly facilitated the work. Lately many of the men have returned to their homes in the east. For the last 40 to 45 years it has been customary to move farm workers from Eastern Canada to assist with the harvest in Western Canada. In the early days this took the form of a harvest excursion and in those days the demand for harvesters was quite high. In the years of good crops as many as 10,000 to 20,000 workers may have come forward. Those were the days of the binder when all the crop was stacked, and also the days of the thrasher; some gangs employed as many as 20 to 30 men. The mechanization of harvest operations has reduced and is still reducing the number of men required. In a normal year Alberta now requires something less than 1,000 men from outside the province.

Alberta has the highest percentage of vaccinated heifer calves in Canada, according to Dr. E. B. Ballantyne, Director of Alberta's Veterinary Services Branch. 195,000 calves were vaccinated in Alberta from April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955. There are, however, still many herds to get started on a vaccination program against brucellosis in order bring the present figure of 58 percent closer to 100. Living with a contagious disease is costly. It is cheaper and safer to wipe out the disease. Brucellosis can and has caused undulant fever in humans. Every cattleman should have his heifer calves vaccinated to protect his future income and to protect the health of his family. Now is the time to start where a calf-hood vaccination program hasn't been carried out. It is important to keep Alberta cattle healthy to make them eligible for all markets. A vaccination program for several years, followed by a blood test to remove remaining infected animals has proved to be economical and a practical method of controlling the disease without disrupting the cattle industry. The Brucellosis Restricted Area program, whereby all heifer calves are vaccinated, will go a long way in bringing the disease under control. There are 20 municipal districts or counties established as such now, with several more petitioning.

A woman who had just completed a first aid course saw a man lying prone in the street and was shocked that passers-by callously paid no attention to him. So she rushed up and began giving him artificial respiration. The man raised his head and said, 'Lady, I don't know what you're trying to do, but I'm trying to get a wire down this manhole.'

Total spending of the government of Canada on social security and welfare will average about \$2,000 per family in 1955.

## HERE AND THERE

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook have received word that their son-in-law Bert James of Black Diamond is confined to the Turner Valley hospital through illness.

In place of the regular meeting of the Home and School there will be a Social Evening and Membership Drive on Monday, October 24th, in the school auditorium.

Archie Cunn who recently purchased the residence now occupied by Buster Stott and family is having the water and sewer installed in the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Campbell left last week for Prince George, B. C., to visit Arnold Campbell and family. Arnold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Campbell.

Mrs. Marlett of Vancouver spent several days in town visiting Mrs. C. P. Evans.

Last Thursday evening some of the young fellows about town amused themselves by letting the air out of tires and throwing away the air valves. At the Legion Hall where the W. A. to the Legion were holding their meeting some of the cars had all four tires flat. This was very inconvenient for the ladies from the country. In the main business part of the town a number of cars had the air let of the tires.

The skating rink is to be connected with the sewer. Already the ditch for the pipe has been dug and in a few days time the pipe will be laid.

Howard Warner has at last completed the task of tearing down the three story residence on his farm located just north of town. He plans to salvage most of the lumber and build a new house. The disappearance of the big house removes one of the old landmarks of Gleichen. His house was built about 1905 by Poe and Young. Poe was an Irishman and lived in Dublin. While Mr. Young came to Gleichen and operated the farm for many years before retiring.

Hunters by the dozens roamed over hill and dale looking for the vily pheasants last Saturday. Some had very good luck while others just didn't get any birds.

Mrs. Ross Fiddes had the misfortune to break the little finger of her right hand while playing softball with the Gleichen club at Drumheller. She didn't know at the time the finger was broken and continued until the end of the game which Gleichen won. It was the next day Mrs. Fiddes found the finger was broken.

According to J. H. H. psychologist, personal efficiency means the ability to do more things better in less time and with less effort. He states that many of us spend too much time in mental activities that are non-productive allowing them to crowd out the finer and better things of life. A daily pause for "mental refreshment" can contribute much to peace of mind and personal efficiency.

## Safety Council

Alberta's toll of thirty-eight deaths in motor vehicle accidents in September formed the "blackest" single month on record, according to statistics compiled by the Alberta Safety Council. The previous high months for motor car fatalities were December, 1954, and the same month of 1953, each with thirty-seven deaths. Officials point out, however, that there has been a heavy increase in motor traffic this year, which may account in part of the increased accidents. In the nine months ended Sept. 30, last, there were 11,

640 more motor cars and trucks on the highways than the total during the entire twelve months of 1954. In 1954, there were 214,301 passenger cars and 113,660 trucks registered, making a total of 327,961. Up to September 30 of this year, the total was 339,601, comprising 222,778 cars and 116,823 trucks.

For the nine months of this year, there have been 162 deaths in motor accidents, compared with 135 in the similar period of last year. The total of 38 in September was 24 more than the same month of last year. Of last month's toll, 34 were at rural points, reported by the RCMP. So far this year, 3,094 persons have been injured

in motor accidents, as against 2,576 in the comparable period of last year. For September only, the number was 505, an increase of 108 from a year ago.

The RCMP reported 334 persons injured, up from 245 a year ago, while Edmonton went from 57 to 88 and Calgary dropped from 80 to 50. There were eight in Medicine Hat, 15 in Lethbridge, compared with three a year ago, and three in Jasper Place.

Alberta's total of motor accidents passed the 12,000 mark in the nine-month period. The actual total was 12,105, as against 11,840 in the similar period of 1954. The September aggregate was 1,585, compared with 1382 in the same month last year.

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## A mountain blew up in Iceland years ago and a new community was born in Manitoba

Many years ago in Iceland a mountain blew up and the people fled. For most their flight brought them to Manitoba. Nearly penniless, their belongings packed in one or two battered trunks, many of the Icelanders chose pine-covered Hecla Island, Manitoba, lying off the west shore of Lake Winnipeg to start a new life. They named the island Hecla after the volcano that drove them from their homeland, writes Walter Gray of Canadian Press.

Civilization came to Hecla in 1876. Today, the second and third generations still carry on the traditions and the way of life of their forefathers.

### Fishing families

Hecla Islanders make their living from the lake. Most of the 300 residents come from fishing families.

In June and July the Icelanders stow their gear on their boats and sail 200 miles north to whitefish waters. In September and October they fish closer to home. Following freeze-up they are out over the ice around the island until the breakup in March.

During the summer the islanders fish much the same way as their grandfathers did. But the bombardier has revolutionized winter fishing.

Where previously the fishermen loaded their equipment on dog-drawn sleds and camped on the windswept ice for days, now they skim over the lake in high-powered snow vehicles for a day's fishing and then return home each night.

Only in recent years has island living been made easier for its residents. The first settlers had a life of misery. Thirty unmarked graves stand as a memorial to the

smallpox epidemic that all but wiped out the pioneers soon after their arrival.

Helgi Jones — Johnsson is the family's Icelandic name—says the pioneers had "terrible pride."

"All during the depression, even though they didn't have a cent to their names, not one soul asked for relief," the 39-year-old fisherman-resort operator said.

Before 1953 Hecla Island could be reached only by air or boat. The SS Kenora calls twice weekly during the summer on its run from Selkirk to Warren's Landing on the north end of the lake.

In 1953 the provincial government built a road down the island and installed a four-car ferry to

move traffic from the mainland to the west. Two years ago the Manitoba power commission strung a power line from Riverton, 28 miles southwest.

The island's affairs are governed by the local school board. The children attend two schools, one of two rooms and the other a single-room unit. Motion pictures are shown in the local hall once a week and the islanders attend services in the Lutheran Church.

Most islanders live in the village of Hecla, on the east side of the island. Eight miles further north is Gull harbor, site of an old government fish hatchery, a government dock and Helgi Jones' Gull harbor lodge.

During the winter Helgi fishes with his father Beggi, 65, and his brothers Binny, 38, and Beggi, Jr., 26. And for the last two summers he has been running his lodge.

### Off beaten track

Few vacationers have discovered Hecla. The road into the area, 100 miles north of Winnipeg, would frighten the best of drivers should he attempt it during a rainstorm. But in good weather he is rewarded by white sand beaches and some of the best lake swimming in Manitoba.

Across the channel are the picturesque islands — Black, Little Punk, Big Punk and Deer—all still in their virgin state.

Deer and moose roam the Hecla woods and on the west side of the island is a marsh that natives say is alive each fall with migrating waterfowl.

The island's real asset is its people. The Icelanders' door—and their food lockers—are always open to the visitor.

"Icelanders make the best coffee, the best fish and the best vinirterta," says Helgi.

Vinirterta — wine tart — is the Icelandic cook's specialty. It consists of five thin layers of cake separated by ribbons of fruit paste. A dessert fancier's delight.

### SMILE OF THE WEEK

A woman walked into a millinery shop and pointed out a hat in the window.

"That red one with the feathers and berries," she said. "Would you take it out of the window for me?"

"Certainly, Madam," the clerk replied. "We'd be glad to."

"Thank you very much," said the woman, moving toward the exit. "The horrible thing bothers me every time I pass."

### OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## THE DIAMOND

By KURT VON FISCHER

ON THE "Nieuwe Kade" in Amsterdam, the quay where the big liners serving passenger traffic to London are moored, stood a man with a cigar between his lips. Though seemingly calm, leaning on the balustrade and contemplating the green waves washing over the granite quays of the wall, he viewed with furtive excitement a policeman, who stood motionless, legs apart, some 10 yards away.

The man with the cigar casually turned his back towards the uniformed figure. He was of small, lean stature, with an olive complexion and thin, black moustache. Nobody would have suspected him to be the well-known diamond grinder Willem Verhaert, popular society figure of the town, whose mysterious disappearance half a year ago had busily engaged the attention of police headquarters of many a European capital.

Suddenly the man threw his half-finished cigar into the water. Then he took out another one from his pocket and lighted it. He deeply inhaled the smoke, puffing it out nervously.

Had the policeman grown suspicious? Was everything to go wrong at the very last moment, the plan of one year to be nullified? Carefully, he took the Havana from his mouth and hid it between his quivering palms. Could the policeman suspect that, hidden in an artificially cooled capsule in the middle of the bulging tobacco leaves, there was the missing Vijzel diamond?

For years Verhaert had been one of the most esteemed diamond grinders of Amsterdam's flourishing industry. But though the worth of millions ran through his fingers he had never succeeded in achieving more than a moderate financial position. Now he was nearing the fifties, a bachelor and filled with feverish greediness for the luxuries of life.

And it was then that he determined upon and planned the great coup. A lucky coincidence had delivered the unique chance into his hands. The Vijzel Diamond, newly found in South Africa and the

tenth largest in the world, was given to him for grinding.

Soon the papers had a sensation. The well-known grinder Verhaert had disappeared together with the precious stone. While the police blocked and checked all roads and means of transportation, the principal in all this excitement sat in his ingeniously prepared hide-out in a cellar and subjugated his body to a torture.

By hunger, excessive sweating and endless gymnastics he reduced his weight by many pounds during a few weeks. The pudgy Verhaert changed into an emaciated creature. Staining of his skin with permanganate of potash, atropin applied to the eyes, a moustache dyed with henna and a big expanse of bald head in place of the former flaxen mane of hair created the French champagne salesman Emile Verlon, bearer of the forged passport.

Half a year in the dark and then he risked the step across the frontier. Once in London, a new life could begin. During passport inspection everything went well; not even his own mother would have recognized him. The customs control was exceedingly thorough, the officials still searching for the vanished diamond. He was even subjected to a body inspection. But during the whole procedure he flauntingly chewed his Havana, right under the eyes of the officials.

For two months he had laboriously worked on the manufacture of this cigar. A mere phony would certainly have aroused the suspicion of the officials. But he had succeeded in producing an effect out of real tobacco leaves, which gave quite a natural impression, was perfectly smokable and still covered the diamond in its middle. Finally came the blessed word: Passez! He had succeeded.

And now, when only embarkation remained, now, after he had cleverly overcome all critical situations, now, in the very last moment was everything to come to naught?

What could this damned policeman have noticed about him? Could he have recognized him? Impossible! Or did he, by heavens, suspect the cigar? Not very likely, either. But why was he, now, staring at him?

An icy chill froze his limbs. The policeman was stepping towards him.

"Give me the cigar, will you?" he heard a cold, hard voice say. Willem Verhaert closed his eyes, his knees shook. He was not the type to resist. He was cunning but not brave. Also after his terrible loss of strength he would have been physically unable to fight.

He fatalistically awaited the clicking of the handcuffs.

But nothing like it happened. The policeman still stood facing him. He even smiled amiably now.

"You know, sir," he said, throwing the cigar carelessly into the sea, "The building over there is the gasoline dump. Smoking is strictly forbidden here!"

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**NEW G.O.C.**—Major-Gen. William Jemmett McGill, D.S.O., C.D., 48, has been appointed general officer commanding Prairie Command with headquarters in Winnipeg. He succeeds Major-Gen. N. E. Rodgers who becomes vice-chief of the general staff. Gen. McGill's last appointment was as military advisor on the truce in Indo-China and he will assume his new position Nov. 22. Born in Ottawa, Gen. McGill enlisted in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals at the age of 16. During the Second World War he served in a series of senior appointments in England and Northwest Europe and in 1944 was named commander of the 5th Infantry Brigade.

—Canadian Army Photo

### Report major surgical advance

A British surgeon reported recently a "major surgical advance" in a low blood pressure operating technique. It involves lowering a patient's blood pressure by 50 percent to reduce bleeding to a minimum during an operation, says an Associated Press report from Atlantic City.

The lessened bleeding, Sir Archibald McIndoe said, gives a surgeon "clarity of vision in difficult inaccessible regions so that the operation is more exact, more quickly performed and thereby more successful."

McIndoe's report was based on the results of using the technique with more than 4,500 patients at Queen Victoria Hospital, England, during a period of four years.

The technique involves two major steps. The patient is given a drug called pentolinium tartrate to reduce his blood pressure from the normal range of 120-140 to about 60, the part of the body to be operated on is elevated above the heart. That also helps lower blood pressure in the area of surgery.

### FASTEST IN WORLD

New York's Rockefeller Center elevators have carried more than a billion passengers since being installed in 1932. Eight of the 166 elevators are the fastest in the world, travelling upward 65 floors in 37 seconds.

## Many Canadian children still not immunized says doctor

TORONTO.—"For many years, protection against small-pox, tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough has been available to every Canadian child, but when we examine records, it is quite apparent that we are not taking full advantage of the benefits afforded by immunization," states Dr. C. S. Anglin, staff physician for the Hospital for Sick Children, in an article written specially for Health Magazine, official publication of the Health League of Canada.

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He said that while these diseases should be matters of historic interest only in our country, over 200 persons die unnecessarily from them each year in Canada, while many times this number suffer a severe illness often accompanied by serious complications resulting in permanent disability.

Dr. Anglin pointed out that of all the infectious diseases of childhood, whooping cough causes by far the worst ravages in Europe and North America, according to the World Health Organization. In the years 1940-48, whooping cough killed three times as many children as measles, mumps, small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, polio and meningitis combined. The last available statistics for Canada show that there are over 9,000 cases of whooping cough a year reported in Canada each year, and nearly 150 deaths a year from this disease.

"In an analysis of the cases of whooping cough seen at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, during the past year, 85 percent of the children with whooping cough had received no immunization. This is a sad commentary of the interest shown by some Toronto parents," he said.

Dr. Anglin wrote this article to draw attention to the importance of immunizing against these diseases, the goal of Canada's 13th National Immunization Week.

### :: GEMS OF THOUGHT ::

#### PREJUDICE

Ignorance is less remote from the truth than prejudice.—Denis Diderot.

Prejudice, which sees what it pleases, cannot see what is plain.—Aubrey de Vere.

Ignorance, pride, or prejudice closes the door to whatever is not stereotyped.—Mary Baker Eddy.

He who knows only his side of the case knows little of that.—J. Stuart Mill.

A common prejudice should not be found in one whose trade it is to rectify error.—James Boswell.

Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education; they grow there, firm as weeds among rocks.—Charlotte Bronte.

No fish can live in the Great Salt lake. 3163

### Home Workshop

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DESK  
PATTERN 402

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## Frozen north wilderness may blossom

The Russians are considering building a mammoth dam across the Bering Strait and warming the Arctic Ocean with Pacific water pumped across by atomic power.

Alexander Markin, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said over Moscow radio this would transform the frozen northern parts of Asia, North America and Europe into habitable areas with a temperate climate.

Markin didn't mention the floods it might cause along more southerly coasts by melting the Polar ice cap.

The Bering Strait between Alaska and Siberia connects the Arctic and Pacific oceans. It is 55 miles wide.

Markin said Soviet engineers visualize damming it and then using hundreds of giant pumps powered by an atomic power station of 2,000,000 kilowatt capacity to pump Pacific water into the Polar sea.

"This would produce an artificial warm current approximately equal in volume to that of the Gulf Stream," Markin said.

"Each year this current would carry as much warmth into the Arctic Ocean as is contained in 10,000,000 tons of oil. Of course that would greatly moderate the climate in the Arctic zone and adjacent continents.

"Furthermore, by smashing the famous Siberian anticyclone and eliminating conditions that form great masses of cold Arctic air, we would deliver not only Asia and North America but also part of Europe from the frigid breath of the Arctic."

The result, Markin said, would "be something like discovering new continents with a mild European climate and with wonderful natural resources. What is now barren and frozen wilderness would blossom."

## Rainbow trout unlimited here

Norris Lake, situated about 11 miles northwest of Teulon, has become Manitoba's first lake for "put and take" rainbow trout fishing. It has been announced by Hon. Charles E. Greenlay, minister of Mines and Natural Resources.

The "put and take" system means that the department is making use of suitable shallow lakes for rainbow trout fishing, even though such lakes will not carry fish over winter.

Under the system, all regulations concerning size, daily creel limits and possession limits are suspended. Anglers holding a valid Manitoba angling license may take all the rainbow trout they can catch by hook and line fishing.

Norris Lake has clear water, a high primary food content, a good oxygen content in open water, and was judged by departmental biologists to be suitable for summer production of rainbow trout.

Some 2,700 yearling rainbow trout were planted in the lake last June 7, and a recent test disclosed an excellent growth rate for the introduced fish.

Departmental officials hope that anglers will harvest a goodly number of rainbow trout during the remainder of the open water angling season which ends October 31 and in the winter angling season which opens November 11. Use of motor boats on Norris Lake is prohibited.

### GREMLIN'S FAULT

A middle-aged Zulu native claims a mysterious "gremlin" that appeared to him while he sipped a witchdoctor's potion would point out victims and made him kill 15 of them for blood. Elifasi Msomi, on trial for the 15 murders, said the gremlin was wished on him by the witchdoctor after he took the potion to bring him luck.

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## Oil seeds used edible purposes for 5,000 years

Oil seeds have been used for edible purposes since the time of the Swiss Lake Dwellers, approximately 5,000 years ago. Dr. A. E. Hannah, of the Canada department of Agriculture Cereal Breeding Laboratory, Winnipeg, Man., reports that research programs on oil seed crops, primarily on flax and safflower, are currently under way.

In addition to breeding programs, the Winnipeg Laboratory is introducing and testing other potential oil seed crops that may have a place in Western Canadian agriculture. Breeding programs will be initiated on the most promising species.

Linseed flax is well adapted to the growing conditions in Western Canada. To date, however, linseed oil has not been used extensively for edible purposes due to its composition. Consequently other oil seed species are being evaluated for the edible oil trade.

Safflower is not grown on a commercial scale in Western Canada yet. The main limiting factors in the economic production of this crop are susceptibility to several diseases and the lateness of maturity.

The safflower improvement project at the Winnipeg Laboratory was started in 1953. Good progress has been made in selecting for early maturity and disease resistance in varieties introduced from other countries. A well organized program should combine disease resistance and other desirable characteristics into one variety.

The safflower has certain advantages from the producer's point of view. It can be handled readily with the machinery used for cereal crop production, and due to its resistance to lodging and shattering, safflower can be straight combined without loss of seed yield.

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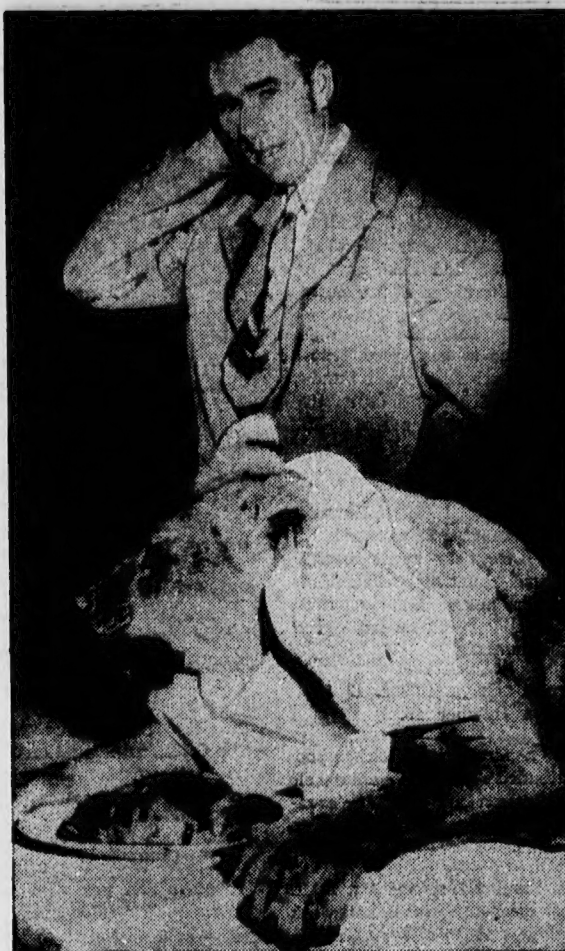
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LION DINES IN STYLE—Blondie, social lion of Graham, Tex., enjoys her four large, raw steaks as guest of honor at a breakfast before her departure for New York. Charles Hipp, Blondie's owner is taking the pet lion to Manhattan for an appearance on a TV network program.

## X-Rays helped bring fast medical care to Eskimos

OTTAWA.—Doctors reading X-rays in wind-shaken tents and rocking whaling-boats this summer helped bring Eskimos and Indians from Canada's eastern Arctic to proper medical treatment faster than ever before states a Canadian press report.

The plan to develop X-ray film in the Arctic instead of in Ottawa was devised by Dr. John S. Willis, of Ottawa, 38-year-old Eastern Canada superintendent of the Health department's Indian health services.

### Four health parties

This year four health parties—about 22 persons—spent the summer examining and X-raying Eskimos and Indians along the bleak coastlines of Baffin Island, Quebec's far north shore on Hudson Strait, James Bay and the Eastern coast of Hudson Bay.

They brought back new and detailed records of some 6,000 natives. But they had already sent out about 250 natives who were found on the spot to be suffering from tuberculosis and other diseases that required immediate hospital attention.

In the past the X-rays taken on these summer health expeditions were not developed and examined until they were brought back to Ottawa. That meant TB sufferers were not detected until sometimes months after they had been examined and could not be brought to hospital until the next summer.

This summer, however, doctors developed and examined the X-rays on the spot—whether in a tent on an isolated bay or aboard a rocking whale boat used along the rugged coasts.

### 15 Ports of call

Dr. Willis and his five-man party carried out their survey at 15 ports of call visited by the government supply ship C. D. Howe. Another party worked out of the Indian health services hospital at Moose Factory on the east coast of Hudson Bay. Two more covered the south coast of Baffin Island and Quebec's far north shore.

Dr. Willis said that his party got only "a bird's eye view" of the Eskimo health picture from the C. D. Howe. The other groups, however, were after what he termed "a saturation survey," an attempt to check the health of every Eskimo and Indian in the areas covered.

Dr. Barclay McKone, 41-year-old former head of the Moose Factory hospital, who led the Baffin Island expedition said the best way to convince the Eskimos and Indians that they needed hospital treatment once they were found to be diseased was to show them the X-ray.

"They couldn't see a thing," he said, "but it did the trick."

### Robbed robber

UPLAN, Calif. — Police said Henry Calvin, 27, arrested on suspicion of burglarizing several churches in the area, was carrying his "tools"—a Bible and a choir robe.

Calvin told police it was easy to enter churches posing as a choirmaster, dressed in the robe and carrying the Bible under his arm.

## Recognizing 'potential harm' new drugs major problem

Modern drugs are "wonderful"—scientific progress in devising new ones is "rapid"—but a major problem of any practising physician is how to recognize "the potential harm" of many of them writes Delos Smith of United Press.

This was the sense of an address of Dr. Stuart L. Vaughan of the University of Buffalo School of Medicine at a recent meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York.

It was called to the attention of a United Press reporter by a medical authority in connection with the scientific report of another professor—Dr. Edgar F. Mauer—on the toxic properties of the anti-arthritis drug, phenylbutazone.

"It is obvious," said Dr. Vaughan, "that we owe it to our patients to use new drugs whenever the dangers of the disease outweigh the dangers of the drugs. In so doing we must know both the merits and the dangers of the drugs."

### Risks involved

He said "the type of knowledge" the physician needed "concerns such items as 'recognition of the pattern of drug promotion, the relationship of the practising physician to the pattern, the experimental method as employed in use of a new drug, basic principles of blood production and blood cell depletion, the mechanisms by which drugs may affect normal blood equilibrium, factors determining a drug's toxicity, and the risks involved in use of a drug.'"

Dr. Mauer, in his report in the New England Journal of Medicine, said "physicians are importuned by advertisements and gratuitous reprints to use this drug (phenylbutazone) in a large variety of conditions." Dr. Vaughan said the "sequence of events" going with a new drug "has a rather definite pattern."

This "pattern," he said, is "Laboratory promise-limited clinical trial (in ailing human beings)—initial encouraging results—banner headlines in the lay press—pharmaceutical fanfare (by the drug's manufacturer)—rumors of trouble—definite reports of dangerous complications—condemnation—re-

valuation."

His principal subject was the disorders of the blood which can be induced by drugs. "The list of drugs capable of producing toxic changes in blood cells is now an extremely long one," he said, but added that "the toxic actions of drugs are not all undesirable." Some are "selective" and help the patient.

In administering drugs, the attitude of physicians should be this: "Our desire to help is as great as the patient's need, yet we realize that whenever we interfere with the complex internal environment of living cells, our capacity to do good, is balanced by a proportional capacity to do harm."

### Bright colors safety factor

MADISON, Wis.—Bright colors can be a safety factor, as well as a way to brighten children's back-to-school wardrobes, according to a clothing expert at the University of Wisconsin.

Hazel Paschall said red, kelly green, yellow, and royal blue are easy for motorists to see, particularly in storms and early dusk. Scarves, mittens, and hats in gay colors can make youngsters stand out even if dark colors are used in coats and snow suits.

Miss Paschall added that light and bright colors are no longer a cleaning problem, with washable, quick-drying synthetic fabrics on the market.

Orlon, acrilan, dynel, and nylon are found in both outer and inner garments these days. Coats, jackets and trousers in synthetics are less bulky than wool and just as warm.

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### Town And District

Mrs. C. Bartsch of Edmonton spent a few days last week here visiting her daughter Mrs. R. Desjardine.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Church held a very successful afternoon tea and bake sale last Saturday afternoon at the Recreation Centre.

There was a very good attendance at the turkey shoot Sunday. Sportsmen from all over the country were at the scene. Those who didn't shoot won their turkeys by other means.

Bill Craig and Elliott Evans of Calgary spent last weekend in town. Here they spent most of their time hunting game birds. They went home Sunday night well stocked with ducks, geese and pheasants.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Stott a boy on October 16.

Quite a number of Gleichen people attended the bingo games held in Queenstown last Thursday evening. Two were lucky enough to win prizes.

Mrs. Stanley Hall and Mr. A. E. Wilson received word last week that their sister-in-law, Mrs. L. Cooney died at Harlinton, Montana.

The annual F.W.U.A. dance will be held next Friday evening, Oct. 21, at the Meadowbrook Hall. A large crowd is expected to attend.

"Uncle Joe" said Albert meeting an old negro who was always cheerful in spite of having had more than his share of life's troubles "how have you managed to remain so cheerful and calm?" "Well, I'll tell you," replied Uncle Joe, "I've just learned to cooperate with de inevitable."

### Safety Campaign Canadian Pac. Ry.

Hazards faced by children who play in or around railway property will be brought forcibly to the attention of school children who reside in nearly every city, town and village served by the C.P.R. in the province of Alberta, in the near future, by means of a series of short illustrated safety talks presented by the Canadian Pacific Railway's Investigation Department.

No branch of the railway is more concerned with the risks confronting youngsters, who innocently or wantonly endanger their lives and limbs by playing in railway yards or walking on tracks than the railway police force, which considers the protection of human life and safety as important as the protection of the company's property; no branch of the railway is better qualified to talk about it.

Inspector H. W. Lambert, head of the C.P.R. Investigation Department in the Alberta District, addresses this appeal to the public:

"We are asking your help in keeping children from needlessly risking life and limb by using railway tracks and yards as a playground. We are also asking your co-operation in our educational campaign to prevent injuries to railway passengers and employees, and damage to railway property and equipment through the thoughtless acts of children. Serious accidents have resulted from throwing stones at trains, by placing obstructions on track and by tampering with switches and signals."

"As parents, guardians or simply as friends of children, you can do your part by teaching youngsters the dangers of playing on the right-of-way, or interfering with the operations of trains. Without your whole-hearted support and co-operation, our task of protect-

ing the young from their inexperience and thoughtlessness will be very difficult. Will you help us to safeguard the lives and limbs of the children and prevent accidents to others using our railway?"

"For the past three years the Department of Investigation, as representatives of C.P.R. has conducted an intensive campaign in the support of juvenile safety with special regard to railway operations and property."

"With the whole-hearted support of parents, teachers and the majority of students, together press, radio and safety organizations, our efforts have been rewarded by the fact that in the years 1953, 1954 and to date in 1955, no juveniles has been killed or seriously injured, in Alberta as a result of an accident involving railway equipment or property."

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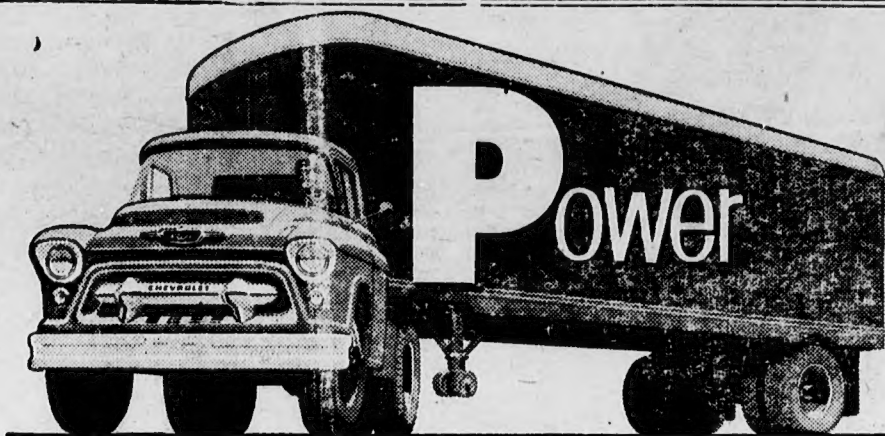
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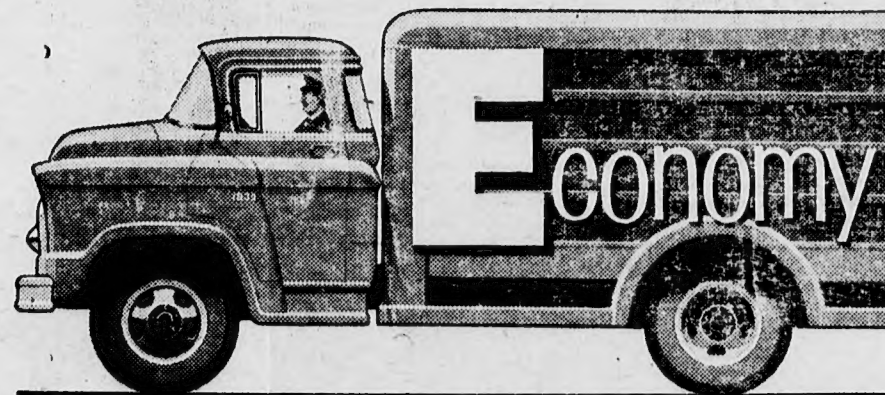
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